

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RE: Proposed Amended Best Available Control Technology (BACT) Guidelines

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the matter of the proposed amendments to the BACT Guidelines of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) will be held on **February 1, 2019**, in the Auditorium at SCAQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, at 9:00 a.m., or later, at which time any evidence or testimony by all interested persons may be presented to the SCAQMD Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended BACT Guidelines. The proposed amendments to the BACT Guidelines are to update Part A, Policy and Procedures for Major Polluting Facilities, Part C, Policy and Procedures for Minor Polluting Facilities and add new and amended listings to Part B, Lowest Achievable Emission Rate and BACT Determinations for Major Polluting Facilities and Part D, BACT Determinations for Non-Major Polluting Facilities. Additionally, the proposed amendments to the BACT Guidelines are to make them consistent with recent changes to SCAQMD rules and regulations, permitting decisions as well as state requirements.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in amending the BACT guidelines for non-major polluting facilities to be more stringent SCAQMD has complied with Health and Safety Code Section 40440.11(c).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposed amendments to the BACT Guidelines, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA, and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have any significant effects on the environment, the SCAQMD staff has determined that the proposed amendments to the BACT Guidelines are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 - Notice of Exemption, and if the project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD staff has prepared documents, for consideration by the SCAQMD Board, including:

Proposed Amended BACT Guidelines

Board Letter (includes Summary of Proposed Amendments, Cost-Effectiveness Calculations and Response to Comments) regarding the proposed amendments to the BACT Guidelines

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents may be obtained from the SCAQMD's Public Information Center located in the SCAQMD headquarters lobby, SCAQMD's publication request line at (909) 396-2039 or from: Ms. Fabian Wesson – Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, PICrequests@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the SCAQMD Board may make other modifications to the proposed amendments to the BACT Guidelines which are justified by the evidence and testimony presented, or may decline to adopt the proposed amendments.

Questions, comments or requests for clarification regarding the proposed amendments to the BACT Guidelines can be directed to Alfonso Baez, Program Supervisor, SCAQMD, Science & Technology Advancement, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2516, or abaez@aqmd.gov. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Ryan Banuelos, CEQA Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, rbanelos@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-3479.

Interested persons may attend and submit oral or written statements at the Board Hearing. Twenty-five (25) copies of all written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. Individuals who wish to submit written comments for review prior to the hearing must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Board, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov on or before Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Electronic submittals will only be accepted if no more than 10 pages including attachments; and in MS Word, plain or HTML format.

DATED: December 19, 2018

DENISE GARZARO
Clerk of the Board